

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are amended for clarity only. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Schwebel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,802,430) (Schwebel). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Schwebel fails to disclose a needleless injection device including a combustion chamber having the combination of features recited in claim 1. The Office Action asserts, on page 2, that Schwebel discloses a pyrotechnic gas generator having a first volume (26) and a second volume (25). However, the Office Action fails to assert that Schwebel discloses a needleless injection device including a combustion chamber being divided into a first volume and a second volume by a wall, the two volumes being defined, from upstream to downstream, as a first volume in which the pyrotechnic charge is placed and a second volume, the two volumes communicating via a first device for regulating a pressure level in the combustion chamber, as recited in claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that Schwebel does not teach or suggest a needleless injection device having the combination of features recited in claim 1.


Schwebel teaches a pyrotechnic charge 25 that is in direct communication with a bellows 42 and a combustion chamber 43. Schwebel fails to teach or suggest a first volume and a downstream second volume divided by a wall, as recited in claim 1. Schwebel also fails to teach or suggest the two volumes communicating via a device for regulating a pressure level in the combustion chamber, as recited in claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Schwebel. Thus, the rejection of claim 1, and claims 2-7, 9 and 10, which depend from claim 1, should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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